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For: METHOD INTENDED FOR GRADUAL DEFORMATION
OF SEQUENTIAL SIMULATIONS OF A
HETEROGENOUS MEDIUM SUCH AS AN
UNDERGROUND ZONE

Art Unit:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

March 2, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising
gradual deformation of the model representative of the
heterogeneous medium simultaneously in relation to the
structural parameters and to the random numbers.